

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5**

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**SUBJECT:** Reports of Significant Developments and  
Activities Ending on January 30, 2007

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The activities listed below are organized by site-specific activities and training/conferences:

**SITE-SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES**

**Removal Action Continues, Midwest Metallics Site, Summit, Illinois**

After some delay, the removal action at the Midwest Metallics site in Summit, Illinois, is proceeding as planned. According to On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) Brad Benning, site preparation was initiated on January 17, 2007, including grading and leveling the anticipated process area with crushed limestone. Slightly over a month is expected for process equipment mobilization, setup, and shake-out adjustments. Approximately 150,000 tons of automobile shredder residue (ASR) are expected to be processed at a rate of 7,000 to 10,000 tons per month, with recovery levels of 3 to 4 percent ferrous metal and 5 to 6 percent non-ferrous metal. Resources Management Group (RMG), a subcontractor to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA's) prime contractor (Earth Tech), will cover all operational costs for this project and will credit Earth Tech a percentage of the value of the metal recovered, which will assist in funding the removal action of capping the remaining material. As background, the action memorandum for Midwest Metallics was signed in

September of 2005, proposing to cap a 300,000 cubic yard pile of ASR contaminated with heavy metals and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). The removal action was delayed due to opposition from the local mayor, who wanted complete removal of the ASR so the property could be redeveloped. During this delay, RMG expressed interest in recovering the metal content of the ASR, as the technology has improved and the value of scrap metal was high, resulting in the company's involvement with the impending metal recovery efforts.

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### **TRAINING/CONFERENCES**

#### **Michigan Department of Environmental Quality EPCRA Section 312 Training, Novi, Michigan**

James Entzminger (Office of Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention) attended two Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) Section 321 trainings conducted by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). The training sessions were held in Novi, Michigan, on January 16, 2007, and Grand Rapids, Michigan, on January 18, 2007. Approximately 100 participants from industry, government, and academic communities attended each session. Ms. Susan Parker, MDEQ provided all the instruction, which included an overview of EPCRA, release reporting requirements, emergency planning, and chemical inventory reporting. A number of practical exercises were also used to help participants understand the reporting requirements. Mr. Entzminger acted as a resource person and assisted in answering questions.

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#### **Spills of National Significance (SONS 07) Ohio Valley/Evansville Venue Mid Planning Conference, Evansville, Indiana**

Sheila Calovich attended the Spills of National Significance (SONS 07) Mid-Planning Conference conducted on January 16-17, 2007, in Evansville, Indiana. Others in attendance included U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Atlantic Area, USCG District 8, USCG Sector Ohio Valley, Caesars Casino, Marathon Oil, Indiana Department of Homeland Security,

Kentucky Department of Homeland Security, and Evansville Marine. The purpose of this meeting was to refine the exercise objectives and the Master Sequence of Events List for the exercise. There was also time set aside to identify controllers and evaluators for this venue. The Final Planning Conference for the Evansville venue is scheduled for March 23, 2007.

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**Spills of National Significance (SONS 07) Ohio Valley/Paducah Venue Mid Planning Conference, Paducah, Kentucky**

Sheila Calovich attended the Spills of National Significance (SONS 07) Mid-Planning Conference conducted on January 18-19, 2007, in Paducah, Kentucky. Others in attendance included U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Atlantic Area, USCG District 8, USCG Sector Ohio Valley, Shell Oil Company, and Kentucky Department of Homeland Security. The purpose of this meeting was to refine the exercise objectives and develop the Master Sequence of Events List for the exercise. There was also time set aside to identify controllers and evaluators for this venue. The Final Planning Conference for the Paducah venue is scheduled for March 22, 2007.

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**Land Revitalization and Superfund Reuse Briefing, Mr. Inaki Gili Jauregui (Catalonia, Spain), Chicago, Illinois**

On January 30, 2007, a briefing was held with Mr. Inaki Gili Jauregui, Director, Catalan Office for Climate Change, Department of the Environment and Housing, Autonomous Government of Catalonia, Spain. This briefing, which was coordinated by Region 5's International Affairs Office, provided information about U.S. policies that effect climate change and produce renewable energy; programs that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, while sustaining growth to finance investment in new, clean energy technologies; and Federal, State, and local levels of authority and cooperation for the environment. Topics presented were Land Revitalization and green building

technology, Superfund Reuse, and a Region 5-landfill gas to energy project at the H.O.D. Landfill in Antioch, Illinois.

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